

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS  
TO CERTAIN SEWER RATES AND CHARGES  
BY THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA**

Property owners, ratepayers, and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the sanitary sewer system of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Town") are hereby notified that at its February 8, 2017 meeting, the Town Council introduced proposed Ordinance No. 2017-05 ("Ordinance"), which would adjust certain rates and charges for the Town's sanitary sewer utility. The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. local time at the Whitestown Municipal Complex, 6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown, Indiana, in order to receive public input on the Ordinance. **Please note that the adjustments do not affect existing sewer customers/connections.** The Ordinance adjusts the rates that would be charged to the "New Extraterritorial Connection Area," which excludes all current connections to the sewer system (both inside and outside the Town), as well as all property within the current municipal boundaries of the Town (even if not currently connected). **Accordingly, existing connections (both inside or outside of the Town) are not subject to those charges.** The Ordinance also adopts a new septic hauling fee for disposal of septic waste at the Town's wastewater treatment plant, and adjusts the capacity fee for new or expanded connections (e.g., new development to the system). Finally, the Ordinance also eliminates the expired Reitz Subsequent Connector Fees.

Although many of the charges of the sewer works are not amended by the Ordinance, the Ordinance also restates the unaltered charges for convenience. The full schedule of rates and charges is more fully set forth in the Ordinance. Those portions of the rates and charges that would be amended by the Ordinance are as follows:

Schedule of Amended Sewer Charges  
Under Proposed Ordinance No. 2017-05

Base Charge for Metered Users

Each metered user shall pay a minimum monthly service charge according to the following schedule:

<u>Metered User Category</u>	<u>Base Charge</u>	
	<u>Existing Connection Area</u>	<u>New Extraterritorial Connection Area</u>
5/8" – 3/4" Meter	No Change	\$42.23
1" Meter	No Change	132.60
1-1/2" Meter	No Change	377.53
2" Meter	No Change	527.88
3" Meter	No Change	663.01
4" Meter	No Change	795.33
6" Meter	No Change	1,055.75
8" Meter	No Change	1,326.03

### Additional Commodity Charge for Metered Users

In addition to the minimum service charge set forth in Paragraph A, all metered users shall pay a commodity charge based upon the user's actual monthly usage, for every incremental One Thousand (1,000) gallons of monthly consumption, as follows:

	Existing Connection Area	New Extraterritorial Connection Area
Commodity charge per incremental 1,000 gallons	No Change	\$5.72

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### Septic Hauling Fee

The Public Works Director and/or his/her designee may, in his/her sole discretion, accept treatable domestic strength septic sewage at locations designated by the Public Works Director. The treatment rate for such domestic strength septic sewage accepted by the Town shall be \$0.10 per gallon.

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### Capacity Fee

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2. A capacity fee for each equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU") or single residential unit connecting to the system shall be \$4,000.

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At the March 8, 2017 meeting of the Town Council, any property owners, ratepayers, or anyone else interested in the proceedings may appear and be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges. The hearing may be adjourned if necessary. The Ordinance includes a rate differential of 14% on customers who will connect after the date of the Ordinance in the "New Extraterritorial Connection Area" (as such term is defined in the Ordinance). No customers in the "Existing Connection Area," neither inside nor outside the Town, will be subject to the rate differential. Although the Ordinance does not include a surcharge of greater than fifteen percent (15%) on customers located outside the corporate boundaries of the Town, I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.1(c) requires that this notice include a statement that following adoption of the Ordinance, users of the works for service to property located outside the Town's corporate boundaries may be entitled to petition the IURC under I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.3 (when a rate differential exceeds 15%) to review and address the rates and charges imposed on the users if a petition under I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.2 with respect to the same rate ordinance has not been filed.

For further information regarding the proposed Ordinance, please contact the Town Manager at (317) 732-4530. Complete copies of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the Municipal Complex, 6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown, Indiana 46075.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN  
/s/ Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer  
February \_\_\_\_, 2017